

If These Walls Could Talk... A Short History of the Fifth Street School

If the walls of the Historic Fifth Street School could talk, they'd speak of dusty Depression-era days during 1936 when a much-needed grammar school opened to serve a bustling Las Vegas population of approximately 12,000.

It wasn't until the late 1920s and early 1930s, when construction of the federally funded Hoover Dam took place, that the need for a much larger school developed. Hoover Dam construction, as well as the reduced residency requirements for divorces, and the legalization of gambling - both occurring in 1931 - had a huge impact on Las Vegas' economic growth during this time.

The school was built for \$230,000 (\$85,000 in federal funds were funneled through New Deal agencies; the balance came from the sale of school bonds).

Officially called the Las Vegas Grammar School, the complex has informally been referred to as the Fifth Street School almost since its inception, due to its location on Fifth Street (renamed Las Vegas Boulevard in 1959) in downtown Las Vegas.

The complex functioned as a school, each year serving between 150 to 200 students in grades first through eighth, until 1966. It sat empty until 1970, when it was converted into Clark County offices. It was acquired by the city of Las Vegas from the county in 1996.

The Las Vegas City Council saw great potential for this historic landmark in the heart of downtown and showed their commitment to the project by transferring title of the school to the Redevelopment Agency on Aug. 4, 2004. This crucial move allowed for the use of much-needed redevelopment funds for the rehabilitation of the historic building. In 2012, Redevelopment Agency transferred the building ownership to the city of Las Vegas.

Now officially called the Historic Fifth Street School, the building and its site are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the city of Las Vegas Historic Property Register.



General Information

Parking

Limited parking is available at the Historic Fifth Street School. There are also public parking meters in the surrounding area:

- 51 spaces at the Historic Fifth Street School, plus three handicapped spaces (availability varies).
- 65 metered spaces at City Centre (across Fourth Street) at \$1.50/hr.
- 65 metered spaces at a lot (corner of Clark Avenue and Las Vegas Boulevard) at \$1/hr.

Liability Insurance

Liability insurance may be required for events held at the Historic Fifth Street School.

Alcoholic Beverages

Alcoholic beverages are not allowed unless approval is obtained prior to the event.

Concessions/Catering/Vendors

Properly licensed caterers, vendors and exhibitors may be used at the Historic Fifth Street School.

Payments and Deposits

- 10 percent deposit of total booking fee is required to hold the date.
- Refundable security/cleaning deposit
- All payments are due no later than 14 days prior to rental date.
- Staffing fees will apply for rentals after regular hours.

Security

Based on the proposed activity, the event planner may be required to provide security services at their own expense.

DJ and Live Music

Live music and/or DJ services may be brought in for events with prior approval.

Technical Needs

A city production services unit is available for additional lighting and sound support for an additional fee.

Tables/Chairs

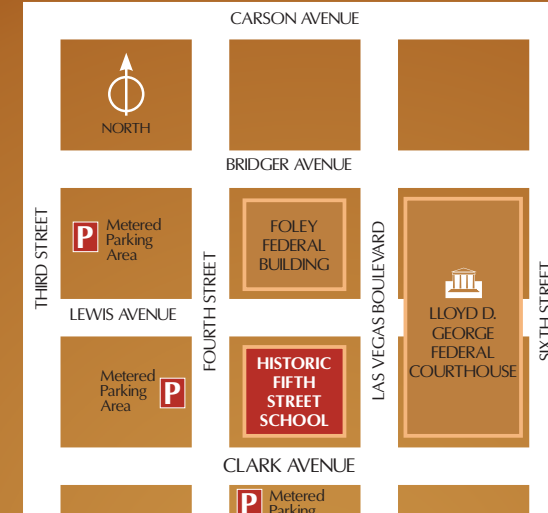
Tables and chairs are available and are included in the rental fee.

Available:

- Facility tables and chairs are not for use outside.
- 400 chairs with arms
- 40 chairs without arms
- 100 rectangular tables
- 30 five-foot round tables

Linens

Linens/tablecloths are not provided.



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Rental Information

Many of the common areas of the Historic Fifth Street School are available for public or private functions. These areas include a multipurpose performance area/auditorium capable of accommodating up to 400 people, a gallery space for exhibitions and smaller meetings able to hold up to 200 people and a 30-person conference room. In addition, there are open courtyards available for outside activities, as well as the 16,000-square-foot Centennial Plaza that can be used for outdoor gatherings.

ROOM	DIMENSIONS	USABLE SQUARE FEET	MAXIMUM CAPACITY				AMENITIES	PRICING
			Reception	Banquet	Theater	Classroom		
Auditorium	70' x 80'	5,600'	400	240	350	200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hardwood floor 24' x 35' permanent stage with curtain PA System with cordless Projector with on space screen 5000-pound lift for accessing stage 	\$2,250
Gallery	23' x 98' (U-shaped)	2,254'	200	160	—	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caterer's prep kitchen 	\$1,000
Conference Room (30-seat Conference Table)	23' x 31'	713'	—	—	—	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projection Screen 	\$250
Frank Wright Memorial Courtyard	40' x 96'	3,840'	150	80	100	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electricity available 	\$750
Exterior Courtyard	110' x 45' - 75' (U-shaped)	6,600'	200	—	—	—		\$250
Centennial Plaza	126' x 126'	15,876'	400	—	—	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No electricity available 	\$1,000
Parking Lot							<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51 spaces / 3 handicapped spaces 	

Rates are subject to change. • 10 percent discount available for multiday rentals. • 10 percent discount for downtown area businesses.

